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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Rochelle Blackman

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 18-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2-15 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 18-20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/14/06.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 18-21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Election/Restrictions

The amendment filed on July 5, 2006 did not comment on the current status of claims 2-15. Applicants need to apply status identifiers to the claims showing they are withdrawn or cancelled in the listing of the claims. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Matsumoto et al. (JP Patent No. 08-262371).

Regarding claim 1, Matsumoto discloses a stereoscopic display device (see Drawings 1-6) of a one-dimensional integral photography system, comprising: a display unit (see 1 of Drawings 1 Drawings 1-6) including a display plane in which pixels are arranged flatly in a matrix shape; and a parallax barrier (see 5 and 6a, 6b of Drawings

1-5) including a plurality of apertures or a plurality of lenses and being configured to control directions of rays from the pixels such that a horizontal disparity is included but a vertical disparity is not included, a horizontal direction pitch of the parallax barrier being integer times a horizontal pitch of the pixels (for example, see paragraphs [0037]-[0040]), the display plane of the display unit being divided so as to correspond to elemental images for respective apertures or the lenses of the parallax barrier, and an image subjected to a perspective projection in a fixed viewing distance in a vertical direction and subjected to an orthographic projection in a horizontal direction being divided and arranged for respective columns of the pixels (see 1-3 of Drawing 6).

Regarding claim 21, Masumoto discloses a stereoscopic display method (see function of elements in Drawings 1-6) of a one-dimensional integral photography system, comprising: displaying pixels in a display plane which are arranged flatly in a matrix shape (see function of 1 in Drawings 1-6); and controlling directions of rays from the pixels such that a horizontal disparity is included but a vertical disparity is not included by a parallax barrier (see 5 and 6a, 6b of Drawings 1-5) including a plurality of apertures or a plurality of lenses; a horizontal direction pitch of the parallax barrier being integer times a horizontal pitch of the pixels (for example, see paragraphs [0037]-[0040]), the display plane of the display unit being divided so as to correspond to elemental images for respective apertures or the lenses of the parallax barrier, and an image subjected to a perspective projection in a fixed viewing distance in a vertical direction and subjected to an orthographic projection in a horizontal direction being divided and arranged for respective columns of the pixels (see 1-3 of Drawing 6).

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 18-20 remain objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claim 18 has been found to be allowable because the prior art of record either alone or in combination neither discloses nor makes obvious the stereoscopic display device comprising the particular feature of the vertical direction indicator having a cyclic structure in a vertical direction, in combination with the particular combination of features recited in claim 1.

Claim 19 have been found to be allowable because the prior art of record either alone or in combination neither discloses nor makes obvious the stereoscopic display device comprising the particular feature of the detecting mechanism having a blind structure, in combination with the particular combination of features recited in claim 1.

Claim 20 has been found to be allowable because it depends from claim 19.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rochelle Blackman whose telephone number is (571) 272-2113. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diane Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2399. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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